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SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.
WASHINGTON, March 24.—Forecast for Thursday night and Friday: fair and warmer; fresh northwesterly winds. North Carolina: fair, Thursday; colder, on the coast, Friday night; fresh northwesterly winds.

The thermometer went almost up to summer heat yesterday, reaching 55 at 10 P. M. There were considerable showers and the streets were muddy and disagreeable.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

9 A. M.	45
12 M.	51
3 P. M.	52
6 P. M.	55
9 P. M.	55
12 midnight	52

Average 50.5

Highest temperature yesterday 55
Lowest temperature yesterday 45
Mean temperature yesterday 50
Normal temperature for March 50
Departure from normal temperature, -5

MINIATURE ALMANAC. March 24, 1904.

Sun rises	6:30	HIGH TIDE
Sun sets	6:21	Morning
Moon sets	12:45	Evening

LOSE PLACES OF ACTION IN POLITICS

Police Board Lays Down Positive Rule.

DEPARTURE WAS ADOPTED LAST FALL

Alleged Violation Causes Adoption of Enforcing Resolution.

FIREMEN ALREADY UNDER RESTRICTION

Member of Police Board Says Better Public Service Requires That Men Shall Not be Diverted From Duty by Political Activity.

The day of political activity in the Richmond police department is in the past, and the board has determined that the officer who displays any partisan spirit, either for or against any candidate for public office, shall be promptly dismissed from the force.

This is the gist of one of the sections in the new book of rules, prepared by the board last fall for the government of the department, and at a meeting held Tuesday night it was emphasized by a resolution offered by Commissioner McCarthy and unanimously adopted, directing the chief to see that it is rigidly enforced and religiously lived up to by all.

Virginia.

Young Phillips, of Hampton, who forged checks, adjudge insane. An insane woman jumps into the river at Lynchburg and is saved after a desperate struggle with two men who were in the water. Millions of pounds of tobacco diverted from the market to the army and navy. Ten thousand dollars suit decided in Princess Anne Circuit Court. Fire in a fruit house in Bristol, Va., \$10,000 loss. People's National Bank of Lynchburg increases its capital stock—\$200,000. State Convention meets in Lexington today.

North Carolina.

Three detailed from the park block the railroad between Statesville and Taylorsville for hours. Trunk across Fitch's River, near Wilkesboro, burns, stopping all trains for several days. Herbert Jackson appointed receiver for Littleton Lumber Company. Clever counterfeiters raised money by selling stolen money in Raleigh. Move before Corporation Commission to require railroad to put in car weighing scales. Trial of W. C. Bland, charged in London with burgling the mails. Slander suit in Lynchburg for \$5,000.

General.

Japanese making tremendous preparations in Korea for the conduct of the war with great energy when spring opens. Japanese premier declares in special message to the Diet that Japan was forced into the war by Russia and that his country's patience in dealing with Russia had been exhausted. Russians delighted that no bad news has come from the bombardment of Port Arthur Tuesday night. Japanese government has not allowed to pass the consors; a heavy embargo being laid on all outgoing news; skirmish on the Tatu results in one dead and one wounded. Five war rages in St. Charles, Ark. Three negroes killed and further trouble expected. Blacks said to have been the new by-ride from the United States government. Miss Harney, wife of Virginia, members feel very hopeful of getting large appropriation for expedition from general government. "Practical" machine so simple that it promises to revolutionize that industry. Sully's creditors, who are in a state of confusion, plan of settlement, as the bankruptcy proceedings are so long drawn out.

EDITOR OF "OUTING" DIES IN THE LABRADOR WASTES

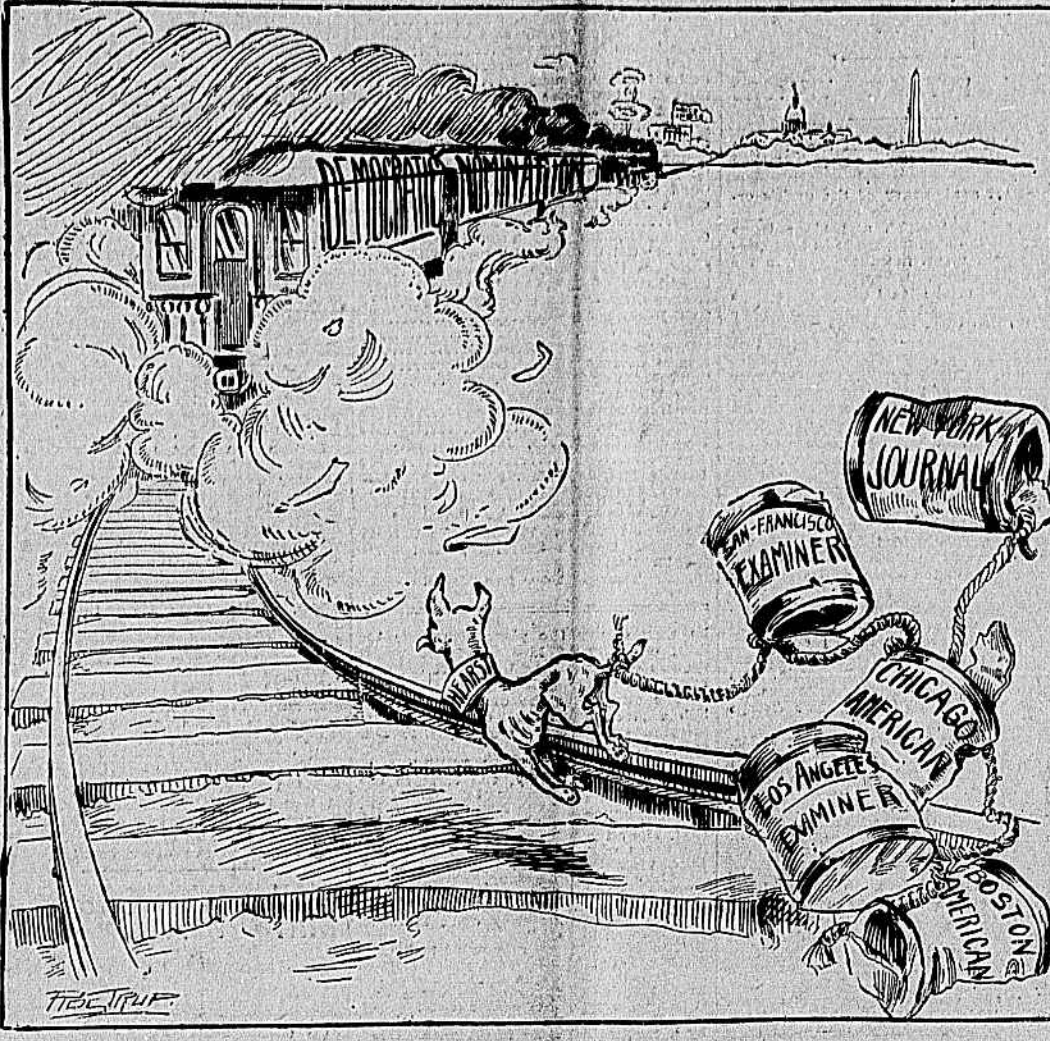
(By Associated Press.)
WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS., March 23.—The reports of the death of Leonard Hubbard, Jr., assistant editor of Outing Magazine, while on an exploring expedition in Labrador, were confirmed today by a letter received by relatives of A. Dillon Wallace, a former Williamstown man, who is the surviving white man of the party. The letter was written by Wallace at Northwest River in December, nearly two months after the death of Hubbard. Hubbard's strenuous life and Wallace went after provisions, but lost his way, Wallace had a narrow escape.

PRESIDENT OF PHILIPPINES KILLED, FOLLOWERS TAKEN

(By Associated Press.)
MANILA, March 23.—Captain Dewitt, with a detachment of constabulary and Lieutenant Pliny, with a detachment of scouts, have just encountered Macaria Sakay, the so-called president of the Philippine republic. Sakay, with fifteen of his followers, was killed and the remainder of the band was captured. There were no casualties on the part of the Americans.

BIG BULL MOVEMENT OF A NORFOLK BANK'S STOCK

NORFOLK, VA., March 23.—A bull movement in the Norfolk market today on Citizens' Bank stock sent the securities from 191 to 275, and at that price a majority of shares were secured. The bank is capitalized at \$200,000. Georgia A. Schmidt, of Hampton, was prominent in the buying, but will not talk on the subject.



WONDER WHAT HE WOULD DO WITH IT IF HE CAUGHT IT!

MAY INVITE DR. BITTING

Quite Likely That He Will be Called to First Baptist Church.

EITHER HE OR DR. WOELFKIN

Between the names of two distinguished ministers of the North—the Rev. W. C. Bitting, D. D., of New York, and the Rev. Cornelius Woelfkin, D. D., of Brooklyn—the committee of the First Baptist Church, of Richmond, now seeking a pastor for the vacant pulpit, will probably on Sunday next make its choice for recommendation to the congregation.

Not Act in Haste.

The Pulpit Committee will meet on Sunday, but what the committee will do is a matter not so easily determinable. The members are pledged to secrecy and will reveal nothing of the deliberations of the body. The selection of a pastor, being made with the utmost care, and the gentlemen are taking their time, feeling no necessity for haste, that might prevent the best results. One of them was asked yesterday if the committee would reach a decision on Sunday, and he frankly declared that he did not know. It was impossible, he said, to predict what twenty-five men would do. Whatever the action of the committee, however, this gentleman expressed the personal opinion that the call by the congregation would not be extended on Sunday. This will come later. As for the name of the probable successor to the pulpit, he had absolutely nothing to say. He deprecated the reports current and published about Dr. Woelfkin and Dr. Bitting.

Committee Went North.

From all that can be gathered, how-

ALARMED AT HEARST BOOM

Prominent Democrats Say His Nomination Would be a Party Calamity.

MR. KELLEY FOR DANIEL

Says the South Should Assert Her Rights—Judge Parker Is Strong.

The question of the policy of the Virginia Democracy in the national convention at St. Louis is one that is giving the party men in the State a great deal of concern at this time, and the keynote of the more conservative element is "What can be done to head off the Hearst boom for President, and to keep the party from again committing the blunders of 1896 and 1900?"

The evident favor with which the boom of the New York congressman and journalist is being received in certain sections of the State is giving some of the leaders a great deal of concern, and while they are thinking and talking, they are divided as to the best means of stopping it, and meanwhile it seems to be gathering strength as it goes.

Following the announcement in the press of yesterday that Congressman Hearst had captured over one hundred of the one hundred and sixteen delegates so far chosen to the national convention, there was a great deal of talk here concerning the situation, and conservative Democrats were expressing amazement at the danger of the Bryan-Hearst influence dominating the policy of the party at St. Louis.

Button for Parker.

"I would regard the nomination of Hearst and the capture of the platform on the lines of the last two conventions

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RACE WAR RAGES; NEGROES KILLED

They Fired From Ambush in Arkansas and Whites Shot Down Three.

(By Associated Press.)
LITTLE ROCK, ARK., March 23.—A special to the Gazette from DeVitt says: "Three negroes were killed in a race battle today at St. Charles, this county. A posse of deputy sheriffs was engaged in a search for two negroes who yesterday had seriously wounded a white man in a fist fight at St. Charles, and while passing through a section of wooded land they were fired at by a party of negroes. The whites returned the fire, and instantly killed Garret Flood, Will Madison and Will Baldwin."

The tragedy has greatly aroused the community, and further trouble is feared. A posse left here tonight for St. Charles. A posse left here tonight for St. Charles.

TURKS AND ALBANIAN ON EVE OF GREAT BATTLE

(By Associated Press.)
SALONICA, MACEDONIA, March 23.—Twenty battalions of Turkish troops surrounded 10,000 Albanians at Bushelie. Skakir Pasha has asked for reinforcements. Ten additional battalions will be sent to him. Pending their arrival Skakir Pasha is negotiating with the Albanians.

MRS. CODY SERIOUSLY ACCUSED

Buffalo Bill Deposes Bad Things Against Wife.

WAS UNCONSCIOUS: SHE POISONED HIM

Claiming That She Was Giving Him Medicine—His Escape Narrow.

DROVE HIS FRIENDS FROM THEIR HANDSOME HOME

It Was No Longer Home to Him When His Companions Could Not Visit Him There. Mrs. Cody's Counsel Inquires as to Friends.

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, March 23.—Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) made a deposition before a notary in this city today in the action for divorce which he has begun in Big Horn county, Wyoming.

"Mrs. Cody tried to poison me three years ago," the colonel testified. "She had frequently threatened to do it. We were visiting Rochester, N. Y., during the holidays of 1900, and the day after Christmas I was ill. I supposed the turkey and plum pudding did not agree with me. She said she would fix me up. She pretended to give me medicine. It was poison. It almost finished me, for I was unconscious for some time. I think it must have been an overdose, for it made me vomit, and I suppose this saved my life."

Colonel Cody related many instances of his wife's having humiliated him at his "former home" in North Platte by her conduct toward his guests.

"She drove my friends away," he said. "When they were no longer welcome in the handsome residence I built and elaborately furnished, it was no longer my home."

The witness recited many specific instances of his wife's alleged discourtesy to his guests.

"Mrs. Cody's counsel," inquired into the character of the guests to whom she objected, and their conduct while at her home.

The purpose of the inquiry was to show that the men whom he brought to the house were a fast and riotous set and behaved in such a manner that she had a right to object to them.

BRAVE CHICAGO WOMAN RESCUES DROWNING CHILD

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, ILL., March 23.—Plunging into the Des Plaines River, Miss Louise Jackson, a school teacher, of Maywood, a suburb of Chicago, rescued one of her pupils, the little daughter of Samuel G. Kline, after the mother of the child had fainted and two boys, who had accidentally knocked the little one into the river, had run away. Unaided, Miss Jackson fought her way through the swift waters of the Des Plaines, which is at a higher flood stage than for years, and it was only after she had huddled back into the river from the crumbling bank several times that the heroic young woman brought the little girl safely ashore.

VALUABLE CONTRACT FOR SOUTHERN AND C. O.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 23.—The Navy Department today awarded the contract for the transportation of naval passengers across the continent to the Chesapeake and Ohio and Southern Railroad Companies.

MAN HAD FOUR BABES IN BASKET

Wytheville Citizen Returning From West Adopts Convenient Plan for Carrying Children.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ST. LOUIS, March 23.—"It's a whole lot easier to travel with four children in one basket and watch that basket than it is to carry three-month-old twins in your arms, and keep a year-old girl and a boy four years old out of danger," explained Jack Callahan today at Union Station, when asked why he and his wife were traveling with his four children in a large basket.

Mr. Callahan is thirty-four years old, and formerly lived at Wytheville, Va., where he is now going. He went to Iowa several years ago, and there married Mrs. Callahan, who is now twenty-one years old. Recently the family decided to return to his former home, and the question of traveling with his thriving youngsters was a serious one, and Mrs. Callahan tried fitting them all into the hamper.

Charles M. Schwab Returns.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 23.—Charles M. Schwab, former president of the United States Steel Corporation, arrived today on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. Mrs. Schwab was at the pier to meet Mr. Schwab, who seemed to be interviewed.

DEATH-LIKE SILENCE REIGNS

Not a Word From Port Arthur Obtainable.

ALL NEWS SOURCES ARE SHUT UP TIGHT

Fear Entertained That Bombardment Tuesday Night Was Very Damaging.

JAPANESE ARE RUSHING UNUSUAL PREPARATIONS

When Spring Opens They Are Determined to be in a Position to Wage War Vigorously—Many Are Dying in the Trenches.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 23.—The stringent Japanese censorship is likely to be relaxed early in April, says the well informed Daily Telegraph's Seoul correspondent. This coincides with the numerous indications of the imminence of land operations.

In the meantime the veil has not lifted and not a word has yet issued, either officially from Japan or unofficially from any other source, concerning the last bombardment of Port Arthur. The rumored naval battle of March 15th is also totally unconfirmed, and is made more improbable by Vice Admiral Makarov's virtual admission that the Russian fleet withdrew when the Japanese tried to cut it off from two sides.

The Japanese hold two enormously strong positions at Ping Yang, on the Miokak-San range, between Hwangju and Seoul. The latter, the correspondent says, is probably impregnable, and secures Seoul from hind attacks from the northwest.

In the event of defeat, it is intended to hold the passes at Kazan, thus protecting the Ping Yang valley. The Japanese troops are suffering from dysentery and pneumonia, which the correspondent says are poor, have died, but the army is full of spirit.

There probably are twenty thousand Japanese at Ping Yang, which the correspondent points out might easily have been taken when the Russian scouts first arrived, there being then only two hundred and fifty Japanese soldiers there.

The Russians intended to make Ajik their base, but owing to the delay in the arrival of reinforcements, they were afraid they would be cut off, and so retired. Meanwhile the Japanese advanced to Ping Yang by forced marches, the troops being almost without equipment.

According to this correspondent, the Russians are preparing to prevent the Japanese landing at Pak-Chon, twenty miles west of Anju, and he says the Japanese sailors admit that Port Arthur is a desperate place to hold, and that it would mean death to approach it.

A series of messages, dated between March 10th and March 17th, sent by a correspondent of the Daily Mail at Chong-King, described the perfect organization and arrangements of the Japanese in Korea. Elaborate preparations have been made for landing troops and advancing them through the country, and positions are being held in the mountains. They are found to be necessary. The greatest difficulty facing the Japanese is the commissariat, as owing to the poor food supplies of Korea, it is only possible at present to maintain 60,000 men.

JAPAN DRIVEN TO WAR.

This What Premier of That Government Claims—Claims Patience, Too.

(By Associated Press.)
TOKIO, March 23.—The special session of the Diet today entered upon the business for which it was called. Mr. Katsumi, the premier, and Mr. Komura, the minister for foreign affairs, addressed the House. The premier said the Diet has been summoned at an unparalleled moment in the annals of the country. The maintenance of permanent peace in the far East (and respect for the legitimate rights of the powers was, he said, the established national policy of Japan.

Continuing, the premier said: "Russia not only failed to meet the Japanese proposals, but defiantly resorted to actions calculated to injure the national rights of Japan, and Japan was compelled, in self-defense, to terminate the negotiations and take independent action."

Mr. Komura, the minister for foreign affairs, said he was confident that the Japanese would recognize the justice and patience uniformly exercised by Japan in carrying forward the negotiations with Russia. The minister said he was anxiously desirous of peace, being mindful of the weighty consequences which war brings to mankind.

STOPPING NEWS LEAKS.

Complete Embargo on Dispatches Out of Port Arthur Enforced.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—According to the information here, there now exists a complete embargo upon newspaper dispatches direct from Port Arthur. During the past few days a general shutting down upon newspaper telegrams from the far East has been noticeable, and this is owing to increased precautions.